AIRCRAFT WORK 'A RIOT OF WASTE'

INSIST UPON

Berlin's Proposal to Bring Those Accused of War Crimes Before Leipsic Tribunal Accepted by Entente.

PENAL PROCEEDINGS WILL BEGIN AT ONCE

Text of Note to Holland Asking Internment of Ex-Kaiser to replace Mr. Wadsworth. Is Presented and Made Public to the World.

London, Feb. 16.-The allied reply to the German note of January 25, proposing as an alternative to extradition that persons accused by the allies be tried at Leipsic, states that Germany's proposal for such trial at Leipsic is compatible with article 228 of the peace freaty. The allies, the note says, will abstain from interven-

tion in the procedure of that court.

After stating that the allies have carefully considered the German note of January 25, the reply says: "The powers observe, in the first place, that Germany declares itself unable to carry out the obliga-tions imposed on it by article 228 to 230, which she signed. They reserve to themselves the power to employ in such measure and form as they may judge suitable, the rights accorded to them in this event by

the treaty."
"The allies' note, however, the German government's declaration that they are prepared to open before the court of Leipsic penal proceedings without delay, surrounded by the most complete guarantees and not affected by the application of all judgments, procedure or previous decisions of German civil or military tribunals before the supreme court at Leipsic, against all Germans whose extradition the allies and as-sociated powers have the intention

Compatible to Treaty. "The prosecution which the German government itself proposes immediately to institute in this manner is compatible with article 228 of the peace treaty and is expressly pro-vided for at the end of its first para-nished London political and news-

graph. "Faithful to the letter and spirit of the treaty, the allies will abstain from intervention in any way in the procedure of the prosecution and verdict in order to leave the German government complete and en- disinterested spectators. The presitire responsibility. They reserve to themselves the right to decide by the results as to the good faith of Germany, the recognition by it of the crimes it has committed and its sincere desire to associate it self with their punishment.

"They will see whether the German government, which has declared itself unable to arrest the accused named on the to deliver them for trial to the allies, is actually determined to judge

Provide Details of Charges.

"At the same time the allies, in reply adhering to its January offer pursuance of truth and justice, have decided to entrust to a mixed in-terallied commission the task of collecting, publishing and communicating to Germany details of the charges brought against each of these whose guilt shall have been established by their investigations. "No Licenses Today" Finally, the allies would formally emphasize that procedure before a juridiction such as is proposed can in no way annul the provisions of articles 228 to 230 of the treaty. "The powers reserve to themselves the right to decide whether the proposed procedure by Ger-many which, according to it would assure to the accused all guarantees of justice, does not, in effect, bring about their escape from the just punishment of their crimes. In this event the allies would exercise their rights to their full extent by submitting the cases to their own

Internment of Ex-Kaiser

On Island Is Asked for contract had been unable to keep the The Hague, Feb. 16.-The latest allied note to Holland with regard to extradition of the former German emperor reverses the original de-mand for his surrender, and only peared 10 minutes after the office was opened. "It's like this," he con-ception at the city hall, addressed emperor reverses the original deisks his internment, with the suggestion that the former monarch be gestion that the former monarch be blanks. We have no authority un-stands in the East Indies, it be-

ormer German emperor:

"The immense sacrifices made in he general interest by the powers luring the war entitle them to ask The Netherlands to reconsider its refusal, based on the weighty, but entirely personal considerations of state which held aloof from the war and cannot perhaps appreciate quite accurately all the duties and

dangers of the present hour.
"The obligations of the powers

d on Page Two, Column Fenr.) trict.

ALLIES WON'T Women's League Urges Single Moral Standard and Harsher Vice Laws FOR PRIZES AT

EXTRADITION Condemns Senator James W. Wadsworth, Jr., of New SHIP AUCTION York, for Working Against Suffrage—Recom-York, for Working Against Suffrage_Recommends That Women Be Put On Governing Board of Penal and Charitable Institutions.

> Chicago, Feb. 16.—The League of Women Voters today condemned Senator James W. Wadsworth, jr., of New York for "misrepresenting his state and party" in working against suffrage. Appreciation was extended to the women of New York in their determination to care for defective ones.
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> A law was urged to make the legal age of consent at least 18 years and to provide protection for the boy as well as the girl. in their determination to send to the United States senate "a mod-ern minded senator capable of com-all charitable and penal institutions prehending the great American principles of freedom and democracy,"

The league also took a stand for a single standard of morals when it accepted the report of its social hygiene committee of which Dr. Valerie Parker of Hartford, Conn., is president.

Among recommendations commercial vice were: Punishment of frequenters of disorderly houses.

Abolition of segregated, protected vice districts. Heavy penalties for pandering.

Would Prevent Solicitation. Prevention of solicitation whether by man or woman. Control of venereal diseases with recommendations for proper laws

WILSON'S NOTE

IS BOMBSHELL

Though Washington

Says It Is Not.

London, Feb. 16 .- President Wil-

son's note to the peace conference

on the Adriatic question has fur-

as an American family affair toward

which foreigners should be merely

party in the peace negotiations was

construed as almost as threatening

as his order for the George Wash-

which meant that the council of the

allies must stand by the terms

which President Wilson accepted in

December or America would shake

the dust of European affairs off her

feet altogether, and also that the council had framed a stiffly-worded

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Sign Brings Grief

ing the inscription, "No licenses to-

marriage license clerk at the county

court house, caused consternation

and no little disappointment to 15

the necessary document as a pre-liminary to embarking on the sea of

The clerk explained that the sup-

and that the printer who held the

ing counties, to secure licenses.

which is still in progress, accord-

office supplied.

tinued.

of blanks had been exhausted

information appeared to

home from France.

to the Jugo-Slavs.

It was recommended that women

as well as in other public positions which deals with problems of de-linquency or health.

Adopt Food Supply Report. The report of the committee on food supply and demand was adopted with its endorsement of the Kenyon-Kendrick-Anderson bill for the control of packers, despite a talk from the packers' point of view by L. D. Wells of Swift & Co. Mrs. Helen Gardener of Wash-

ington, announced the installation of an exhibit connected with the history of the suffrage movement in the United States in the Smithsonian institution.

Among the exhibits are pictures of Susan B. Anthony, Anna Howard Shaw and Carrie Chapman Cattthe first women to be so honored because of their achievements. The Passage of laws to protect minors, defectives and delinquents, was urged. Among these was a law (Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

"GET TOGETHER" **LUNCHEON HELD** TO BRITISHERS BY NEBRASKANS

Viewpoint on Adriatic Ques-Unchaperoned Suffrage Worktion Considered Ultimatum, ers Mingle With Cigaret-Smoking Young Women in Russian Tea Room.

By MYRTLE MASON.

Chicago, Feb. 16 .- (Special Telegram.) - Unchaperoned and unpaper circles with a surprise and in- ashamed, the Nebraska delegation terest surpassing that evoked by the attending the conventions of suf-Wilson - Lansing correspondence. The Lansing incident was regarded noon, in an atmosphere of burning incense, mixed with cigarette smoke, dent's reappearance as a determined blown from the rosebud lips of pretty young women. But the amber fluid was nothing more than real Russian tea and the Nebraska ington to be prepared to take him women smoked no cigarettes themselves nor did they approve of the The first versions of the event young women who were so doing in gave it the aspect of an ultimatum, the Russian tea room on Michigan

boulevard. Twenty-five Nebraska women attended the luncheon, which was a general "get together" as well as a function in honor of Miss Ellen Harn, of Keneshaw, a Nebraska suffrage pioneer.

Former Omahan Leader.

Mrs. Frances Ford was delegated soften the stiff-necked positions to the tea room and presented to credited to both parties. This consaid to be America's foremost writer of children's stories. She conducts the children's page on the Chicago Daily News, giving particular at-tention to the "Martha and Mary" letters. Mrs. Ford is the mother of he Omaha Woman's club. She to Denver Couples called the meeting which resulted in s formation 27 years ago. She lett Omaha in 1900. Denver, Feb. 16 .- A big sign bear-

Organization of the League of Women Voters continued Monday. day," hanging above the desk of the A report of the committee charged with dividing the United States into (Continued on Page Two, Column Five.)

couples, who during the day sought General Pershing Opens Mardi Gras in New Orleans

ontract had been unable to keep the fine supplied.

"Can't do it," the good-natured ing the 1920 Madri Gras carnival, clerk said when pressed for a li- the first since 1917, was formally

"We are out of license gatherings of school children and Following is the text of the note tent by the allied powers to Holand regarding the extradition of the ormer German emperor:

The printer who has of honor at a banquet of the Association of Commerce.

The title "Duke of Victory" will outdone were any but the preson barracks. He will be the guest of honor at a banquet of the Association of Commerce.

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outdone, went at once to Littleton ing Tuesday during the carnival of and Golden, county seats of adjointhe "King of Misrule and Joy."

Cash Register Salesmen

merchants at the Chamber of Coming to advices received by the Armerce tonight, spoke last evening menian National Union through of at the Ad-selling league.

were among those present.

BID MILLIONS

Spirited Offers Made at Public Sale Held by U. S. Shipping Board of German Vessels Captured During War.

CANNOT BUY CRAFT TILL SENATE APPROVES

Controversy Over Sale Occupies Agencies of White House, the Senate and District Supreme Court.

Washington, Feb. 16.—(By The Associated Press.)—While controversy over the proposed sale of 30 former German liners occupied today three government agencies, the White House, the senate and the district supreme court-presidents of great shipping companies were bidding in tens of millions against each other for the craft at the shipping board's auction.

For one group of six vessels the bidders fought with \$250,000 boosts in price, until Major General George W. Goethals, retired, now head of the American Ship & Commerce Co., dropped out at \$13,000,000, which he said was his limit, and P. A. S. Franklin, president of the International Mercantile Marine, raised the price to \$13,100,000. It had been announced in opening

by Commissioner Scott that the auction was only for the purpose of re-ceiving bids, final action to await approval of the senate commerce committee and the house merchant marine committee and the outcome of William Randolph Hearst's application for an injunction to prevent the sale. While the bidding was in progress the senate further complicated the structure of the sale. While the bidding was in progress the senate further complicated the structure of the sale. plicated the situation, adopting a resolution requesting that the sale be postponed, but at the conclusion of the bidding today, it was an-nounced that the auction would continue at 10 o'clock tomorrow.

Judge Deciding Question. sociate Justice Bailey took under advisement Mr. Hearst's application, after hearing contentiton of counsel that the shipping board lacked legal power to dispose of the vessels. He will render his decision Friday. At the White House it was said fragists and the League of Women that the president would answer Voters sipped an amber-colored promptly with a decided negative fluid from tall glass mugs Monday the resolution adopted by the senate Saturday, asking if there existed a secret understanding with Great Britain as to the ultimate disposition of former German craft.

Bidding at the auction was slow at the morning session, when groups of ships were being offered, but became spirited in the arternoon, when (Continued on Page Two, Column Six.)

Award Contract for 33 Fire Escapes for 17 Omaha Schools any way.

It is known, however, that the sec-nacy" alone stood in the way of retary of war feels keenly the cirratification.

The Board of Education last night awarded to F. E. Potter & Son. Sioux City, a contract to furnish 33 spiral fire escapes, on a bid of \$355 each, for the following schools: Beals, Field Club, Florence, Gar-field, Hawthorne, Highland, Kellom, Long, Long Annex, Mason, Madison, Saunders, South Franklin, ed that the former secretary of South Lineoln, Walnut Hill, Web-state consulted with practically all ster and West Side.

The board approved the expendi- fore deciding to hold these meetture of \$2,900 for the erection of an ings and that from Mr. Baker he readdition to the automobile mechan-ceived a written approval of the ics department of the High School plan. of Commerce. Explanation was The president's apparent disinclimade by the buildings and grounds nation to rebuke any of the other committee that there are now 160 members of the cabinet for the cabi-students on the waiting list and net meetings is regarded as furthat they will be denied this instruc- ther emphasizing the belief that the tion unless the department is en- president's objections to these meetlarged. It also was stated that the ings were in part, at least, merely new Commercial and Technical high used as a pretext for ridding him school will not be ready for two to self of a secretary of state who did three years, which the members be- not subscribe to his policies on forlieved justified this expense for a eign questions.

temporary arrangement. The resignation of Kathryn Walsh, teacher, was accepted. An he is now firmly back in the saddle, appropriation of \$1,768 was made for the president is said to be deterthe installation of a lighting system mined to preside over the next meetat Lothrop school.

ing of the cabinet on Friday. Whether he will do so will probably Fail to Locate Steamer Afire in Indian Ocean; Many Are Aboard the president, after enjoying an air-

Paris, Feb. 16.—Search for the House, is accustomed to wheel himsteamer Ville D'Alger, which on February 6 was reported afire 100 where he enjoys an hour's display or miles off Reunion in the Indian ocean, has been fruitless, according At other times he engages himself Washington, Feb. 16.—Seven thousand Armenians have been massacred in Cilicia in a new attack by Turkish and Kurdish troops.

Ad Selling League Guests to a statement issued by the ministry of the navy. The Ville D'Alger, a vessel of 4,857 tons, had on board the California Fruit Growers' extack by Turkish and Kurdish troops.

Spinal Meningitis Again

Breaks Out in Crete, Neb. of Herbert Hoover was presidential pref-The obligations of the powers towards other nations, the gavity of the question concerned, as well as the very grave political effects to which relinquishment of the claims of justice against the ex-emperor would give rise all constrain them to uphold and renew their demand. The powers do not ask the constraint them to uphold and renew their demand. The powers do not ask the constraint them to uphold and renew their demand. The powers do not ask the constraint them to uphold and renew their demand. The powers do not ask the constraint them to uphold and renew their demand. The powers do not ask the constraint them to uphold and renew their demand. The powers do not ask the constraint them to uphold and renew their demand. The powers do not ask the constraint them to uphold and renew their demand. The powers do not ask the constraint them to uphold and renew their demand. The powers do not ask the constraint them to uphold and renew their demand. The powers do not ask the constraint them to uphold and renew their demand. The powers do not ask the constraint them to uphold and renew their demand. The powers do not ask the constraint them to uphold and renew their demand. The powers do not ask the constraint them to uphold and renew their demand. The powers do not ask the constraint them to uphold and renew their demand. The powers do not ask the constraint them to uphold and renew their demand. The powers do not ask the constraint them to uphold and renew their demand. The powers do not ask the constraint them to uphold and renew their demand. The powers do not ask the constraint them to uphold and renew their demand. The powers do not make the constraint them to uphold and renew their demand. The report signed to the Ad-selling league.

Mr. Findlay discussed methods to Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 16.—Spinal meningitis has again broken out at the town of Crete, 20 miles west of t Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 16.—Spinal erence ballot in Indiana, it is an-neningitis has again broken out at nounced by Dr. Harry E. Barnard, and colder. cated near the town, continues open. within the next few days.

"She shall either marry you or not at all!" McCUMBER FLAYS **BOTH PARTIES IN DEBATE ON PACT**

WAR SECRETARY

Although White House Insists

No Foundation for Reports,

Many Think Baker

Will Quit.

sisted that there was no foundation for these reports, Mr. Baker himselt

refused positively to affirm or deny

them, or to discuss the matter in

cumstances surrounding the en-forced resignation of Mr. Lansing

from the cabinet and considers him

self equally responsible with the lat-

holding meetings during the presi-

. Baker Approved Meetings.

state consulted with practically

Friends of Mr. Lansing have stat-

of the members of the cabinet be-

May Preside in Person.

To illustrate further the fact that

depend on his physicians, it being

stated that he is already, in the opin-

overtax himself.

ion of some of them, inclined to

Each morning at a stated hour

On Indiana G. O. P. Ballot

Indianapolis, Feb. 16 .- The name

dent's illness.

Determined Upon a Mesalliance

ABOUT TO RESIGN Calls Failure to Compromise On Treaty "Child's Play Secretary of National Asso-Obstinacy.

> Washington, Feb. 16. - Laying aside its legislative business the senate, by unanimous consent, took up the Treaty of Versailles again today and resumed in all its vigor

Washington, Feb. 16.—(Special.) -Still shaken by the sensational dethe ratification debate interrupted velopments of the Wilson-Lansing last November. The opening gun in the new phase Hotel Fontenelle with 206 members break, Washington today was filled of the fight was fired by the treaty's with persistent rumors to the effect irreconcilable foes, Senator Mcthat Newton D. Baker, secretary of Cormick of Illinois reopening the war and one of the men mentioned discussion with a speech bitterly as possible successor to the former secretary of state, had tendered his assailing many provisions of the document and counselling the reresignation to President Wilson or was about to do so.
Although the White House inpublican leaders not to consent to

further compromise. He was followed by Senator Mc-Cumber, republican, North Dakota, who flayed the heads of both parties for their failure to compromise and declared that "child's play obsti-

Hitchcock Defends Democrats. Drawn into the debate by the charges of the North Dakota sen-ator, Senator Hitchcock, demoter for the action of the cabinet in cratic leader, asserted that the democrats already had "abandoned" their previous stand and had offered compromise, but that the republi-

cans were demanding nothing short of complete democratic surrender. Once it got under way, the debate speedily revived the whole scale of issues which the senate had debated from May to November of last year. (Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

Will Ask \$50 for Each Month Served With U. S. Forces

Washington, Feb. 16.—The American Legion will proceed "actively and agressively" with action to secure legislation for adjustment of war service compensation on the basis of \$50 for each month served, Franklin D'Olier, national commander of the legion announced. The national legislative committee was instructed to take up with members of congress legislation already proposed for this purpose.

"The legislative committee was instructed that the American Legion regards the fullfillment of the obligation on the part of the govern-ment, as permanent," Mr. D'Olier's statement continued, "with the exception of any legislation still uncompleted affecting the rights of widows and orphans and of the dis-

Temperatures

Iowa-Fair and warmer Tuesday: Wednesday, partly cloudy, colder. Nebraska-Fair with mild Temperature Tuesday; Wednesday fair

Hourly Temperatures:

EXCESSIVELY REPORT SAYS

Finding of Long-Continued Investigation of Aerial Construction During War Presented in House.

DIRECTOR UNDER FIRE OVER RAILROAD BUILT

Charge John D. Ryan Laid Government Line That Benefited Carrier of Which He Was Director.

Washington, Feb. 16 .- Reports of the long continued investigation of aircraft production were presented Monday in the house from the special committee inquiring into war

expenditures. Representatives Frear and McGee, republicans on the subcommittee which conducted the investigation, characterized the aviation program in their report as a "riot of waste," and Representative Lea, democrat, declared in his report that the republican members had sacrificed facts for sensationalism in an effort to discredit the government.

Reports Differ in Record. Both reports contains thousands of words. They differ entirely in the record of achievement in shipping American airplanes abroad and n the performance of the aircraft production generally.

A prominent part of both reports is given to the controversy over the connection of John D. Ryan, former director of aircraft production, with the construction of a government built railroad, which, it has been charged, rebounded to the benefit of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road of which Mr. Ryan a director. .

Disclaiming any attempts to determine motives, the majority re-port on that point says:

MEN BIG EVENT Mr. Ryan "Unfortunate." If Mr. Ryan's statement of disinterestedness is true he has been most unfortunate in handling a public matter that in the judgment of your committee covered a flimsy cifort to promote large private busi-

ness interests and was accompanied by blundering explanations from be-ginning to end." The annual banquet of the Omaha In contrast, the minority report Real Estate board last night in the by Representative Lea says:
"The evidence shows that Mr.

Ryan practically abandoned his own present, proved to be an event of business affairs and devoted himself combined merriment and seriousunremittingly to his official duties. ness, with merriment somewhat in Without directly charging it, the report of the majority insinuates that An elaborate entertainment which Ryan used his power as head of airncluded music by a large orchestra. craft, to cause selection of the Lake Crescent route for the benefit of cabaret features and satirical songs the Milwaukee road. The purpose and sketches emphasizing the charto construct a railroad from Lake acteristics of several well-known Omaha realtors, given by younger members of the board, kept the Pleasant connecting with the Milwaukee was determined before Mr. other members in a continual state Rvan was connected with the aircraft service.

"The Lake Crescent route was selected over the resolution of the National Association of Real Milwaukee road up to the moment the decision was made. The Mil-Estate Boards, was the principal waukee contended for the surveyed speaker of the evening. In fact, it waukee contended for the surveyed was in his honor that the banquet extension of its own route which served its interests for better than the present route. The Lake Cres-Benson, veteran real estate man and cent was distinctively the best route the government could hav selected ing in Omaha than in any other to serve its purposes."
city in the country," said Mr. In-

Remarakable Circumstances. gersoll. "I find that real estate men

The majority report, however, characterizes the transaction as "a here and in other cities are cooperating to solve the housing probremarkable chain of circumstances. and adds that "under the surface the stake being played for in the "There is sure to be a continued increase in real estate values and abortive attempt to produce spruce lumber in Washington and Oregon there should be no decline in values within at least 10 years. Build now. was for control of the lumber interests in the northwest after the Commenting on the proposed 1-cent federal land tax, Mr. Ingersoll war." The majority report pays a tribute to the Providence Journal declared that it was unnecessary and and "patriotic loggers and lumberthat real estate men should take men," who, it says, "rendered a great public service" in bringing the steps to see that it was not made a matter to light.

Besides Mr. Ryan the majority ter with your representatives in conreport attacks his assistant, Wilgress. I understand you have a senator from Omaha. If you can liam C. Potter, Col. Edward A. Deeds, who preceded Ryan in airget him away from the League of craft production, and Secretary, Baker as responsible head of the Nations long enough he can help aircraft production program. It de-Rev. Frank G. Smith addressed scribes the program as "an appalling record of orders and counterorders, ignorance and dickering.

the realtors on "Our Task and Our Opportunity in the Present Day." It is the duty of this country to waste and extravagance, evidence of self-interest and improper practices." help starving Europe, he said: Explain America's Failure.

O. L. D. Highway Official

ANNUAL BANQUET

OF REAL ESTATE

ciation Says Omaha Leads

in Industrial Building

Activities.

National Secretary Speaks.

was really given, according to E. A.

Expects to Decline.

"You have more industrial build-

toastmaster of the evening.

lems of their cities.

Thomas Ingersoll, secretary

of laughter.

To Test State License Law Hastings, Neb., Feb. 16 .- (Spe-

of fighting the case to the supreme court if necessary. "The law says that screws are to be furnished with In company of the case to the supreme plan." plate and certificate," said Mr. Riffe. "I have paid the fee and have the seal and certificate but was given no screws. I helped make the law De Haviland planes, the alleged failand it is a good one. Screws would cost about 20 cents for each car. With 210,000 cars in the state that duction project in the northwest,

means that Nebraska car owners would pay between \$20,000 and \$22,000 more than the law requers." Mr. Riffe left the seal off his car purposely. Hearing of the case is set for February 24.

"It is not the province of the committee," says the majority report, "to declare the measure of responsibility of any official, but we cial.)—Arrested for not having the would be derlect in our duty if 1920 seal and certificate attached to we failed to prevent what we behis automobile, J. H. Ritie, jeweler lieved to be the causes for Ameriand official of the Old Highway association, announces his intentions sulting lack of confidence in any present War department aviation In detail the majority report takes

un the alleged waste and extravagance in the early aircraft appropriations, the alleged failure of ure to get sufficient American planes to the battle front, the spruce promillions of alleged wastes on costplus contracts and many specific charges of inefficiency and squandering of millions of dollars.

In turn, Representative Lea's (Continued on Page Two, Column Two)